



DANE COUNTY FAMILY LAW RESOURCE GUIDE

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<http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/index.html>

A. “Self-help” Resources (Overviews, processes, examples, forms)

Resources at DCLRC

- *Grandparents’ Rights* Call No: KF547.Z9 T78 2001
- *Dane County Family Court Resource Booklet* Call No: KFW2494.Z9 F25 2004
Or online at: <http://www.countyofdane.com/familycourt counseling/default.aspx>
- *Dane County Juvenile Court Resource Booklet* Call No: KFW2995.D25 2006
Or online at: http://www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/pdf/jc_resource_booklet.pdf
- *Guide to Family Law* Call No: KF505.Z9 A47 1996
Or online at: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/practical/books/family/home.html>
- *Law of Parent-Child Relationships* Call No: KFKF540.F75 1992
- *Managing Your Divorce: A Guide for Battered Women* KF535.Z9 M36 1998
Administrando su divorcio : un manual para mujeres agredidas KF535.Z9 M365 1998
- *Moving On: A Guide to Pro Se Divorce DVD* Call No: KFW2500.M6 2005
Or online at: <http://www.dcba.net/programs/MovinOn.html>
- *NAMI Wisconsin Family & Consumer* Call No: KFW 2491.A1 M32 2001
- *On Being 18: Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities* Call No: KFW2491.A1 M32 2001
Or online at: <http://www.legalexplorer.com/resources/database/PubPDFs/54-ONB18.pdf>
- *Q & A for Noncustodial Fathers* KFW2504.4.S9 Q8 2000
- *Teen Legal Rights* Call No: KF KF479.H46 2000
- *Unmarried Parents Rights* Call No: KF547.Z9 S73 2002
- *Wisconsin Fathers’ Guide to Divorce & Custody* Call No: KFW2504.6.Z9 N68 2001

Web sites:

- Dane County Clerk of Courts FAQ: <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/clrk cort/court/faq.aspx>
- WI State Law Library Legal Topics: <http://wsll.state.wi.us/witopicindex.html>
- WI State Bar: <http://www.wisbar.org>
- WI Court System Self-help Center: <http://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm>

B. In-Depth Coverage (Issues beyond those covered above)

Although these are “practitioner’s guides”, aimed at attorneys, they can often inform the lay person, with patience and a careful reading.

Books at DCLRC

- *System Book for Family Law* (2 volumes) Call No: KFW2500.L6 S9 2007
- *Marital Property Law in Wisconsin* (3 volumes) Call No: KFW2497.M373
- *Family Law Casenotes and Quotes* (2 volumes) Call No: KFW2494.B34
- *The Complete Guide to Mediation* Call No. KF505 .M67 1997

C. Forms

Many family court actions use a Dane County-specific form, available for purchase at DCLRC or online at: <http://countyofdane.com/clrkcourt/prepare/forms.aspx>

Some actions have no approved court forms to use. DCLRC may be able to locate a sample form parties can use to guide them in drafting their own form. However, forms are not available for every family court action. If you do not find the form you need, please contact DCLRC for assistance.

D. Court Rules, Filing Fees, Statutes

- Circuit Court Rules booklets are available for reference or for purchase (\$2.00) at DCLRC. Online, circuit court rules are available on the Clerk of Courts website: <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/clrkcourt/prepare/rules.aspx>
- Circuit Court filing fees are available on the Clerk of Courts website: <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/clrkcourt/prepare/fees.aspx>
- Supreme Court Rules are available for reference at DCLRC or online at: http://www.wicourts.gov/supreme/sc_rules.jsp

Many of the resources above refer to Wisconsin Statutes. Statute books are available at DCLRC or online at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html> Information about family related legal actions are found in more than one chapter of the statutes, but the chapter covering **Actions Affecting the Family** is 767.

E. Legal Assistance and Referral

There are several legal assistance programs in the courthouse and community.

In the Courthouse:

- Family Court Assistance Project (FCAP)
Schedule changes each semester: contact FCAP or DCLRC for current hours. FCAP is a University of Wisconsin Law School program that can help organize information, complete and review forms, and periodically offers workshops on family court-related issues, including Temporary Restraining Orders. Law School students, supervised by a clinical law professor, will supply no legal advice or advocacy. Contact FCAP at (608) 262-2301.
- Family Law Assistance Center (FLAC)
Meets Wednesdays 11:30-1:30 in Room L1000. Program offers assistance with forms and procedures related to family court; referrals to community resources; no legal advice. Staffed by volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law students. Spanish-speaking volunteers are available the first and third Wednesdays. Schedule available on the Dane County Bar Association Web site: <http://www.dcba.net/programs/FamilyAssistSchedule.html>

In the Community:

- A list of low-cost legal assistance in Dane County is available at DCLRC or online at: <http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/pub/dclegalassist.pdf>
- Other legal assistance programs are listed on the State Law Library website's legal topic "Legal Assistance": <http://wsll.state.wi.us/getstarted/assist.html>
- State Bar Lawyer Referral and Information Service: (608) 257-4666 or 1-800-362-9082 (WI only) or online: <http://www.legalexplorer.com/lawyer/lawyer-talk.asp>